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**Amendment No. 9 to HB2074**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1994**

**House Bill No. 2074\***

by adding the following language to Section 10 as a new, appropriately designated item:

Item \_\_\_\_\_. From state funds appropriated elsewhere in this act to defray the cost of the TennCare Program, a sum sufficient shall be earmarked and allocated for the sole purpose of contracting with an outside vendor to electronically verify the accuracy and completeness of the TennCare database of enrollee names, places of residence, social security numbers, and death information. Such contract shall require the outside vendor to initially match the entire TennCare enrollee file against the vendor's database.

On or before September 1, 2003, the TennCare Bureau shall submit a written report to each member of the General Assembly summarizing the outside vendor's findings as well as improvements in the accuracy and completeness of the TennCare enrollee database directly resulting from implementation of the provisions of this item.

Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, for all purposes other than earmarking and allocating state funds and rendering contract payments to the outside vendor, this item shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it; however, for purposes of earmarking and allocating state funds and rendering contract payments to the outside vendor, this item shall take effect on July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

AND FURTHER AMEND in Section 29 by deleting Item 2 and substituting the following:

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Item 2. Each higher education institution, including technology centers, shall report to the commissioner of finance and administration, the Tennessee higher education commission, and the office of legislative budget analysis, the actual amount of expenditures for maintenance and operation of the physical plant, exclusive of utilities, for the fiscal year, and any deviation in these expenditures from the amounts recommended in the funding formula for these purposes, prorated to reflect actual funding levels appropriated in this act.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new item at the end of Section 10:

Item \_\_\_\_\_. Any appropriation by the provisions of this act for funding of methadone treatment is subject to the following requirements:

(1) The department of mental health, the department of health and the TennCare bureau shall evaluate the effectiveness of the methadone treatment program and the extent to which methadone treatment shall be funded at current levels;

(2) Any reductions in funding for methadone treatment shall be redirected to other programs within mental health that would qualify for federal matching funds; and

(3) No payments for methadone treatment shall be made to patients, and future payments shall be made only to methadone treatment facilities, pursuant to a process developed by the department.

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AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new item at the end of Section 10:

Item \_\_\_\_\_. The general assembly recognizes that demands on available state revenue are such that it may be necessary to establish priorities among state services and programs and to revise the methods of allocating state resources. Therefore, it is the legislative intent that local governments should consider in undertaking long-term obligations based on state payments, specifically state per diem payments for housing state inmates in local jails, that existing payments may be reduced or eliminated in the future and such not be regarded as the principal source of funding for debt repayment obligations.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new item at the end of Section 10:

Item \_\_\_\_\_. It is recognized that if Senate Bill 396 / House Bill 590 becomes a law, local governments may experience an increase in expenditures of up to \$100,000.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding a new item at the end of Section 36 as follows:

Item \_\_\_\_\_. To the Independent Tax Structure Study Commission in Section 12, Item 20.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new item at the end of Section 12:

Item \_\_\_\_\_. In addition to any other funds appropriated by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated a sum sufficient for the purpose of funding early childhood education programs. It is the legislative intent that the amount of these funds be limited

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to the amount needed to provide continued funding of programs previously funded through federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds. This appropriation is subject to Senate Bill 1 / House Bill 1, and Senate Bill 437 / House Bill 787, becoming law, and authorizing the use or appropriation of funds for early childhood education.